

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 838

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jason Hicks on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hicks of Cookeville is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, after becoming an Eagle Scout, Mr. Hicks began volunteering as an adult with the Boy Scouts of America; he has been an Assistant Scout Master for his childhood troop and merit badge counselor for over 200 merit badges for more than 100 boys. In January 2018, he took over as Scoutmaster of his childhood troop, Troop 108; he now trains others to become Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters several times a year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks has served on the boards of the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Putnam County Bar Association, the Tennessee Tech Wesley Foundation, the Upper Cumberland Trial Lawyers Association, and Putnam County Habitat for Humanity; he is also an active Rotarian and has served as an officer and member of the membership committee; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, he has been on the church council at Cookeville First United Methodist Church since 2011; he has taught various Sunday school classes and served as the president of United Methodist Men; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hicks is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Jason Hicks for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.